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Title : Need to review the Government's decision regarding reduction in excise duty on charged drugs over MRP in Gujarat.

SHRIMATI JAYABEN B. THAKKAR (VADODARA): The Government of India's Notification dated 7.1.2005 to charge excise duty on drugs at 16% to 65% of the MRP which was subsequently reduced to 16% to 60% of the MRP has seriously affected the small scale industry in Gujarat. The Chief Minister of Gujarat had written a letter to the Finance Minister for rationalization of rates and duty structure. Nothing has been communicated for State Government as yet in that regard.

I urge the Government to review the situation and protect the small scale industry in Gujarat which is affected adversely by the recent Government's notification.